

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON  
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1935.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore at three o'clock, P. M., on Wednesday, September 18th, 1935.

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of Maryland held pursuant to the preceding call of the Secretary, was held on the 18th day of September, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by the Governor, and on roll call the following answered present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The following were absent:

None.

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After discussion of the offer of the United States of America to the Spring Grove State Hospital to aid by way of grant in financing the construction of two three-story fireproof hospital buildings and the construction and equipping of a one-story fireproof dining hall and kitchen building including enclosed ambulatories to the two new hospital buildings, the following resolution, numbered \_\_\_\_\_, and entitled "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL OF THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO THREE\*STORY FIREPROOF HOSPITAL BUILDINGS AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A ONE-STORY FIREPROOF DINING HALL AND KITCHEN BUILDING INCLUDING ENCLOSED AMBULATORIES TO THE TWO NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS" was proposed by Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller, and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL OF THE OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL TO AID BY WAY OF GRANT IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO THREE-STORY FIREPROOF HOSPITAL BUILDINGS AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A ONE-STORY FIREPROOF DINING HALL AND KITCHEN BUILDING INCLUDING ENCLOSED AMBULATORIES TO THE TWO NEW HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.

Be it resolved by the Board of Public Works of Maryland:

Section 1. That the Board of Managers of the Spring Grove State Hospital be and they are hereby authorized and directed to accept the offer of the United States of America to the Spring Grove State Hospital to aid by way of grant in financing the construction of two three-story fireproof hospital buildings and the construction and equipping of a one-story fireproof dining hall and kitchen building including enclosed ambulatories to the two new hospital buildings, a copy of which offer reads as follows:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION  
OF PUBLIC WORKS

Washington, D.C.,  
August 24, 1935.  
State File No. Md. 1034.

Spring Grove State Hospital,  
Catonsville, Baltimore County,  
Maryland.

Subject to the Rules and Regulations (PWA Form No. 179, July 22, 1935) and which are made a part hereof, the United States of America hereby offers to aid in financing the construction of two three-story fireproof hospital buildings and the construction and equipping of a one-story fireproof dining hall and kitchen building including enclosed ambulatories to the two new hospital buildings, (herein called the "Project") by making a grant to Spring Grove State Hospital in the amount of forty-five (45%) per centum of the cost of the Project upon completion, as determined by the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works, but not to exceed, in any event the sum of \$108,000.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Federal Emergency Administrator  
of Public Works.

By  
Sgd Horatio B. Hackett  
Assistant Administrator.

Section 2. That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to send the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works three certified copies of this resolution and three certified copies of the proceedings of this special meeting in connection with the adoption of this resolution, and such further documents or proofs in connection with the authorization and acceptance of said offer as may be requested by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,

Comptroller.

The above resolution was seconded by Hooper S. Miles, State Treasurer, and was adopted, with the following voting aye:

and the following voting nay:

None.

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

The Governor thereupon declared said Resolution carried and the Comptroller thereupon signed said Resolution in approval thereof.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

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Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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Senator John G. Callan and Mr. Mindel, Attorney, appeared *in person.* before the Board in connection with Joint Resolution No. 28, passed by the General Assembly of 1935. The Resolution requests the Board of Public Works to pay out of the Contingent Fund appropriated to said Board in the State Budgets for the years 1935, 1937, the sum of \$2500. to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Zebron on account of the death of one child and of injuries sustained by Mrs. Zebron and two of their children due to the negligence of a police officer driving a police car.

Mr. Mindel explained the circumstances connected with the accident and requested the Board to make available out of the Reserve Fund the sum of \$2500. specified in the Joint Resolution.

After considerable discussion the Board was of the opinion that it could not legally make this money available in payment of the amount called for in the Joint Resolution, that unless there was some provision in the Budget Act itself it would not be legal for the State Treasurer to pay this award. The Governor stated he would be very willing to include the appropriation in the Budget to be submitted to the Legislature of 1937, or to submit to the Attorney General at this time a request that the Board be advised whether it would be legal for it to make this money available out of the Reserve Fund.

It was agreed that the Attorney General should be requested to give an opinion in the matter.

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Representatives of the Engineers' Club of Baltimore, headed by Mr. Waters Tagon, appeared before the Board and requested that funds be provided for the continuance of the Maryland State Weather Bureau, in the fiscal year 1936. The appropriation had been eliminated in preparing the Budget submitted to and passed by the General Assembly of 1935. Major Ezra Whitman addressed the Board, and urged that funds be made available for the work. A representative of the United Railways

was also present and urged that funds be made available.

After serious consideration of the matter the Board agreed to make available to University of Maryland to be used for continuing the work of the Maryland State Weather Service \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year 1936. Those appearing before the Board in behalf of the Maryland State Weather Service expressed satisfaction with the action of the Board in the matter.

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The Board executed a deed in conjunction with the State Roads Commission to a strip of land in Allegany County to the Liberty Trust Company of Cumberland, owned up to this time by the State Roads Commission, but which will be unnecessary for State use in the future.

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Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, took up with the Board the question of recalling some of the amounts heretofore allotted out of the Reserve Fund to various State Departments and Institutions for the fiscal year 1935. He stated he had been touch with Springfield State Hospital, and that Doctor McAdoo had agreed he could return \$5,000.00 to the Reserve Fund. That he had been in touch with Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, of the State Department of Health, and it was agreed that \$5,000. of that allotment could be returned to the Reserve Fund, and that he had been in touch with the State Industrial Accident Commission, and that it was agreed that the \$5,000. allotted to the Commission out of the Reserve Fund could be returned to that Fund.

The Board was willing that these returns be made, and instructed Mr. Blakeman to communicate with the departments involved and advise them of the action of the Board in recalling the amounts indicated, and instructed the Comptroller to return the amounts to the credit of the Reserve Fund on the books of the State Treasury.

Out of the amounts returned to the Reserve Fund as indicated above, the Board authorized an allotment of \$2,794.70 to State Teacher's College at Salisbury and \$2,689.46 to Montrose School for Girls. Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, indicated to the Board that these amounts would be necessary in each case to take care of expenses being incurred at the institutions to the end of the current fiscal year, so that there would be no deficit or outstanding items in the accounts of the institutions.

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*inact.*  
The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that in accordance with previous action of the Board the land in Baltimore County, near Timonium Station, had been offered for sale at Public Auction at the Court House Door at Towson, Maryland, on September 11th, at noon, and that the highest offer available was \$500.00.

The Secretary further advised the Board that Doctor George F. Sargent had previously made a prior offer of \$1,500.00 for the property, was still willing to buy the property at that price, and on motion duly made and seconded Doctor Sargent's offer was accepted, and the Secretary was instructed to proceed with settlement for the property. The Board executed a deed which had been prepared conveying the land to Doctor Sargent.

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The Treasurer presented to the Board a copy of an opinion given the State Roads Commission in the case of insurance on Havre de Grace-Perryville Bridge, and at the request of the Treasurer the Secretary was instructed to incorporate the opinion in the minutes of this meeting -

September 12th, 1935.

Re: Insurance -  
Havre de Grace Bridge.

Dr. Homer E. Tabler,  
Chairman, State Roads Commission,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Doctor:

At your request of a few days ago, I have looked into the situation created by the Commission's action of June 12, 1935, authorizing the placement of a \$500,000 bridge property damage insurance policy on the Havre de Grace Bridge, and requesting the State Treasurer to surrender for cancellation the outstanding policy placed by him or his predecessor.

The situation appears to be that the Board of Public Works, acting through the State Treasurer is carrying a series of three year insurance policies expiring December 17, 1935, in the aggregate amount of \$500,000, insuring the Bridge against fire, and another policy in the same amount, expiring February 15, 1936, insuring the Bridge against riot and civil commotion. / The annual cost of these policies appears from the file before me to be \$2,500. The Commission concluded that while the amount of insurance was adequate, it would be wise to insure against other and additional risks. It, therefore, directed the issuance of a series of policies in the same aggregate amount but with a broader coverage, insuring the Bridge against the risks incident to fire, lightening, floods, rising waters, ice collisions, tornado, windstorm, earthquake, collapse, etc. The aggregate annual premium on these policies is \$4,000. The Board of Public Works takes the position that the policies issued previously are adequate coverage and that the additional or new policies are unnecessary,

\* whether the Commission has authority to effect such insurance, and

I understand you wish an opinion from me as to whether the Board of Public Works, acting through the State Treasurer, has the authority to place insurance on the State's property which is in the control of the State Roads Commission; \*whether the Board of Public Works may properly deny the Commission the right to insure the State's property in its care in line with the Commission's views as to the proper insurance to be carried thereon.

The questions presented by you are of very substantial importance and involve not only the particular Bridge, but the general responsibility and authority of the Commission with respect to insurance on the State's property.

The Havre de Grace Bridge was acquired on behalf of the State by a Commission composed of the Chairman of the State Roads Commission, a member of the Public Service Commission, and the Attorney General, pursuant to the provisions of Chap. 494 of the Acts of 1922, and the property thus acquired was conveyed by the Havre de Grace and Perryville Bridge Company to the State of Maryland by Deed dated February 8, 1923. The consideration for the Bridge, namely \$585,000, was paid with the proceeds of general State obligations, although these obligations were liquidated through tolls imposed upon traffic using the Bridge and collected by the State Roads Commission. Although the deed does not show on its face that the property was destined for use by the State Roads Commission, nevertheless, it is obviously a part of the highway and bridge system of the State. Since its purchase, the Bridge has been in the custody of the State Roads Commission, and the Commission has expended in the reconstruction and maintenance of the Bridge a very substantial amount of State Road revenue. I think, therefore, the Bridge must be considered as a part of the State's property, responsibility for which is vested in the State Roads Commission, and with respect to which the State Roads Commission may exercise whatever powers are granted to it by the law of the State.

There is no provision in Art. 89B, which is the Article of the Maryland Code dealing with the duties and powers of the State Roads Commission, which either expressly authorizes or requires the State Roads Commission to effect insurance. However, the Budget for the current biennium provides, as have past budgets, for a substantial appropriation to the State Roads Commission for "insurance". I think this provision carries an implied authority on the part of the State Roads Commission to place the amount and type of insurance against the usual risks to which the activities of the Commission and the property under its care are subject, and which in the ordinary business course would, in private affairs, be protected by insurance.

This aspect of the Commission's activities must, however, be considered in the light of the authority of the Board of Public Works with respect to matters of insurance. The Board of Public Works is provided for in Art. 12 of the Constitution of the State, and Section 1 thereof provides that -

"The Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Public Works in this State. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and shall hold regular sessions in the City of Annapolis on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October in each year, and oftener if necessary; at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the Public Works of the State, and as the General Assembly may confer upon them the power to decide".

The statutory provisions with respect to the powers and duties of the Board of Public Works are contained in Sec. 94 of Art. 41 of the Code, which provides that this Board, "shall have and exercise the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions now or hereafter conferred by law". The Board of Public Works is also given a substantial amount of authority with respect to the State's interest in various "Public Works" by the provisions of Art. 78A, none of which, however, shed any particular light upon the question now being considered. In the biennial budget for the years 1934 and 1935, Chap. 597 of the Acts of 1933, the Board of Public Works is vested with a very considerable amount of power and authority which will be discussed more in detail hereafter.

For more than a decade the Board of Public Works has provided for the insurance needs on the improvements to real estate owned by the State of Maryland through the State Treasurer, and in each biennial budget there has been provided a substantial fund appropriated to the office of the State Treasurer for "insurance". In recent years, I understand, the State Roads Commission has not insured improvements to real estate in its custody, but left this matter entirely to the State Treasurer under the authority and direction of the Board of Public Works.

It seems very clear that the Havre de Grace Bridge, having been purchased with funds of the State and conveyed to the State of Maryland, and being an established part of the highway system of the State, is a part of the "Public Works" of the State within the meaning of Art. 12 of the Constitution, and, therefore, subject to such powers of the Board of Public Works as are granted that Board by the Constitution of the State and in the laws enacted in pursuance thereof. This provision of the Constitution contemplates that the Board shall "hear and determine such matters as affect the Public Works of the State", and, I think, such additional matters "as the General Assembly may confer upon them the power to decide".

I think it is clear from this provision that the Board of Public Works, acting through the State Treasurer or otherwise, has ample authority to determine the State's insurance needs with respect to the Havre de Grace Bridge, and by virtue of the appropriation to the State Treasurer for insurance purposes, to effect insurance to meet those needs. The question then arises as to what shall be done when a difference of opinion develops between the State Roads Commission, which has custody of the Bridge, and the Board of Public Works with respect to the insurance requirements.

Any conflict of authority in the matter seems to be effectually resolved in favor of the authority of the Board of Public Works, by Sec. 11 of Chap. 597 of the Acts of 1933 (the Budget Act), which provides in part that -

"The Board of Public Works is hereby authorized and empowered to supervise the expenditure of all appropriations contained in this budget and for that purpose, the said Board shall have power to reduce or eliminate any appropriation which it may deem unnecessary\*\*\*\* and no officer, department, commission or employee shall be authorized to expend any appropriation or part of an appropriation which the Board of Public Works deems to be unnecessary".

In the present situation, the Board of Public Works, as appears from the letter of Mr. McCusker, its Secretary, written to the Commission under date of July 5th, deems the additional insurance placed by the Commission as unnecessary, and, in view thereof, it has authority under said Sec. 11 to reduce the appropriation to the Commission for insurance purposes to this extent.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that the Commission is bound to acquiesce in the determination by the Board of Public Works that the additional coverage contemplated by the Commission is unnecessary.

Very truly yours,

/s/ JOHN B. GRAY, JR.

Special Assistant Attorney General.

9/18/35 [ The Budgets for the various State Departments, Agencies and Institutions prepared by Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, in accordance with instructions of the Board after the several meetings held by the Board relative to the 1936 Budget, were formally approved.

At the suggestion of Mr. Blakeman the Board recinded the action it took on March 1st, 1935 in reference to allotments to Baltimore Schools of the University of Maryland out of the 1936 Reserve Fund. The budgets for the Baltimore Schools having been taken care of out of an allotment of \$50,000. made by the Board and set-up in the Budgets for the Schools for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Blakeman submitted to the Board a letter dated September 17th, 1935, in reference to final allocations from the Reserve Fund to the Normal Schools, Mr. Blakeman's letter reading as follows-

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
ANNAPOLIS MARYLANDOffice of  
William H. Blakeman  
State Budget Director  
2411 N. Charles St.  
Baltimore, Md.

September 17, 1935.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the writer's report of August 7, on Cushion Fund allotments on the action of the Board of that date, it will be remembered that the sum of \$14,594 was earmarked for the Normal Schools, but final allocation was deferred.

I now recommend that of this sum, \$5,161. be allocated to Towson State Teachers College; \$4,183 to the Frostburg State Teachers College; \$2,000 to Salisbury State Teachers College; and \$3,250 to Bowie. By a budget amendment which is today approved by the Governor, a redistribution of the allocations made on August 7, to the Public School Budget of the State, is made. The sum of \$3,317. is an unused surplus after the Board's allocation of \$87,500. has been evenly distributed over the salary restoration of school teachers of the State of Maryland, and the State Superintendent of Schools reports that this sum it is impossible to distribute and he requested that it be made available for the Normal Schools -- \$3,000 of this is transferred to Towson and \$317 is transferred to Frostburg.

There is also in this budget amendment the sum of \$7,500 transferred to the Salisbury Normal School's budget from the excess student fees of this institution. The president of Salisbury reports that he has a student enrollment which figures \$10,000 more than the Special Fund estimated in the original budget and the writer feels that this transfer leaves a safe margin. The following tabulation of the allocations will present this matter more clearly:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Towson</u>	<u>Frostburg</u>	<u>Salisbury</u>	<u>Bowie</u>
Earmarked, Aug. 7	\$14,594	\$5,161	\$4,183	\$2,000.	\$3,250

Budget Amendment

From Equalization

Fund	3,317	3,000	317	-	-
From Student fees	7,500	-	-	7,500.	-
Total Budget		\$8,161.	\$4,500.	\$9,500.	\$3,250.

The accompanying "breakdowns" for these four institutions which are a part of this report give a detailed allocation of the funds thus allocated and thus transferred and offered for your approval.

By the above mentioned budget amendment, there is also transferred from Vocational Education, Item 13, to the budget of the State Department of Education, the sum of \$3,553. made available by the leave of absence of the Director of Vocational Education while acting for the Federal Government. This, the Superintendent of Schools desires to use in the State Department of Education's "breakdown" to maintain salaries at the 1935 rates and to restore the item of Consulting Architect into his 1936 budget. I offer a "breakdown" of the State Department of Education for your approval.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. H. Blakeman

State Budget Director.

On Motion duly seconded, the Budgets submitted by Mr. Blakeman for the Normal Schools were approved.

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Senator John Callan took up with the Board the question of making funds available to take care of the smoke nuisance created by the Maryland Penitentiary.

It was agreed that nothing could be done at this time because of the lack of funds to take care of the cost of doing any work necessary in abating the smoke nuisance.

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The Secretary took up with the Board some correspondence which had been received in connection with the extending the Biological Laboratory at Solomons Island.

It was explained that about \$22,000 could be gotten from the Federal Government in connection with the W. P. A. work, but that the State would have to make available about \$11,000. to take care of its share.

It was agreed that nothing could be done at this time because of the inability of the State to furnish any funds at all in connection with this work.

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The Comptroller took up with the Board a request made of him by the State Tax Commission that they be authorized to employ a Senior Clerk and a Stenographer at a total cost of \$2900.

It was claimed that the present personnel of the State Tax Commission is unable to take care of the large volume of work coming to the Commission, and that even with increasing the office hours and cutting down the time for lunch the Commission would be unable to keep up with the volume of work.

The matter was referred to Mr. Blakeman for investigation and further report,

The Secretary presented to the Board a letter from the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company of Baltimore, and copies of contract tendered by that Company for electric service to the various State Institutions, this being the result of a report made sometime ago to the Board by the Public Service Commission in which it was shown that a new contract embracing all State Agencies would result in a saving to the State over the amount heretofore paid by the State where each State Agency took care of its own electric service requirements.

The contract submitted by the Gas & Electric Company was approved, and the Governor was authorized to sign the several copies on behalf of the State. The company represented that approximately \$9,800 would be saved with the State contract for this service under plan proposed by the Public Service Commission.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from James A. Young, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, in which Mr. Young stated it would be impossible for his department to operate on the amount allotted to him in the Budget for the fiscal year 1936, and requesting that the Board allow him the further sum of \$550.00 to supplement the budget provided for him for next year. In addition Mr. Young asked that \$150.00 be made available for repainting the walls and ceiling of his office.

After due consideration the Board approved Mr. Young's request that he be allowed \$550. to supplement his 1936 budget, and that \$150. be made available for repainting.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board that the Auditor for the Public Works Administration had stated it would be necessary that the minutes of the Board show that a formal acceptance had been made of the Boys' Dormitory Building, Docket no. 1920P.W.A. at Rosewood State Training School, Owings Mills, Maryland.

On Motion duly seconded the following resolution was accepted -

RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCEPTS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE the Boys' Dormitory Building at Rosewood State Training School, Owings Mills, Maryland, in connection with which the State was allotted a Grant from the Public Works Administration, its docket no.1920.

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The following letter from the Maryland State School for the Deaf was read and considered -

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF.

Frederick, Md.

September, 11,  
1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,  
Office of State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

Agreeable to your telephone communication of yesterday, wish to state that bids for alteration work on the power house in order that laundry equipment may there be installed, I have the pleasure to submit the following bids.

MacMurray Construction Co. Baltimore, Maryland	\$3,136.00
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Lloyd C. Culler Frederick, Maryland.	2,414.00
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Charles S. Hahn Frederick, Maryland	2,149.00
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As the tentative estimate which was approved by the State Board of Public Works was in the amount of \$2,600.00, I feel that we ought to be permitted to proceed at once with this work.

Thanking you for your courteous consideration to this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ignatius Bjorlee,  
Superintendent.

IB/A

Upon Motion duly seconded, the Board authorized the School to award to Mr. Charles S. Hahn, Frederick, Maryland, at his bid of \$2,149.00, the work of alteration of the power house in order that laundry equipment may be there installed.

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The following letter from General Milton A. Reckord was read and considered -

*military Dept.*

Headquarters Armory,  
Armory Place and N. Howard St.,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

September 12, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker,  
Secretary, Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Joe:-

Your letter dated September 3rd to institutions and agencies of the State of Maryland has reached me about two years too late. I have been proceeding in a direct manner with the C.W.A. and other federal agencies for at least that period of time, all of which activities have been known to the Board of Public Works. The 5th Regiment Armory, which is to be dedicated tomorrow, was made possible because of my action in connection with available federal funds and in this instance we have built a structure worth \$1,500,000.00 at an expense of about \$750,000.00 to the State of Maryland.

At present I have already presented a federal program covering repairs and alterations to all armories throughout the State, totaling \$624,000.00, and this has been approved by the State Works Progress Administrator. I sincerely regret if it now appears that I have proceeded without the approval of the Board of Public Works, as I had no intention whatever to do so and I request therefore that you have the Board approve the projects as presented by me, which you will find listed on the attached blue print.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Milton A. Reckord.  
Major General,  
Maryland National  
Guard.

On Motion duly made and seconded, and carried, the action of General Reckord in filing application with the State Works Progress Administrator for work to be done in various Armories throughout the State was approved.

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The following letter from Rosewood State Training School was read and considered -

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

OWINGS MILLS MD.

September 16, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of September 3 advising that the Board of Public Works demands approval of requests for grants for Federal Funds from the Public Works Administration.

This is to advise you that before receipt of your letter, our request for grant of funds from this source was made by this institution on account of the addition to Power House in conjunction with the state allotment to us of \$65,000.

Very truly yours,

/s/ K. B. Jones, M.D.

Superintendent.

KBJ/LMS

The action of the School in applying to the Public Works Administration for a grant in connection with the work to be done at the school was approved.

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The following letter from State Teacher's College,  
Salisbury, Maryland, was read and considered -

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

SALISBURY

September 16, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,  
Secretary, Board of Public Works,  
Office of the Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your circular letter of September 3rd,  
addressed to Institutions and Agencies of the State of Maryland,  
I wish to advise that our State Teachers College desires to take  
advantage of funds available under the N.Y.A. as it is being  
carried on under the direction of the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education advises that  
\$1,890 will be available to this college. We shall appreciate  
your advising in the event that there is any objection to our  
carrying on this N.Y.A. program. For your information I wish  
to advise that similar programs have been carried on during the  
past two years.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. D. Blackwell,  
President.

JDB:MWF

The action of the College in applying to the Federal  
Government for work under the N.Y.A. was approved.

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The following letter from State Teachers College, Frostburg,  
Maryland, was read and considered -

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
FROSTBURG

September 10, 1935.

Mr. J. O'C. McCusker, Secretary,  
The Honorable Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

The State Teachers College at Frostburg presented a Works Progress Project to Mr. Francis H. Dryden for approval before receiving your announcement that the Board of Public Works desire to have all projects by State agencies presented to them for approval before requesting Federal aid.

The project at Frostburg calls for the grading of the additional campus that has been purchased over the last five years, for the building of roadways, a large athletic field that gives room for baseball, soccer, and a small practice court, and two smaller units for parking and tennis. The plans for the project were drawn by Howard May, Architect, of the firm of Smith and May, Baltimore, and the estimates were made by James Sleeman of Sleeman Brothers, Frostburg. The project estimate is \$34,000 -- \$10,000 of which was to be paid by the sponsor from the ground and improvement appropriation at Frostburg. It would seem that with the generous contribution from the institution there is a very good possibility for prompt approval of the project by State and national authorities if it meets the approval of the Honorable Board of Public Works.

I shall appreciate it if you will lay this matter before the Board for their approval and notify Mr. Francis H. Dryden, Baltimore, Maryland promptly of the Board's decision. It is hoped that a decision can be made soon enough to come within the dead line laid down by those administering federal funds.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John L. Dunkle,  
President.

JLD:EH

The action of the College in applying to the Federal Government for funds under the Public Works Administration was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 91 of the Acts of 1935, levying taxes for the servicing of the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935.

It was decided to defer any action in this matter until after it can be discussed further by the members of the Board.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Springfield State Hospital relative to the condition of radiators and pipes in connection with the heating system of the Institution.

The Board decided to do nothing in this matter until after the appointment of the State Engineering Department, after which the question of what should be done would be referred to the new State Engineer for investigation and report.

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The Secretary read the following letter from the Conservation Commission -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

September 18, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Union Trust Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

At the present time there is in possession of the Department, a boat known as the Dove which was used as an exhibit during the Maryland Tercentenary Celebration and which was sold to us for the sum of \$1.00 by the U. S. Navy. She is of no use to the Department as a patrol boat and we now have an offer of \$100.00 for her and we would like to have the permission of your board to dispose of it.

Captain Creighton, Commander, is of the opinion that \$100.00 is a good price.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Chief Clerk.

The Board approved the proposed sale of the boat known as the "DOVE" at the price of \$100.00, as outlined in the Conservation Department's letter.

The following letter from the State Department of Forestry was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

September 17, 1935.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of three tracts of land described as follows:

No. 36. 224 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, approximately, at \$1.50 per acre from H. V. Leighton and wife of Garrett County, Maryland. This tract lies in Garrett County adjacent to the present boundaries of the Potomac State Forest, along the headwaters of Lost Land Run. It is cut-over land but well stocked with young timber, well located for the extension of the State Forest, and considered a very advantageous acquisition, at a very reasonable price.

No. 37. 204 acres of woodland at \$1.40 per acre from Daniel L. Wotring and wife of Terra Alta, West Virginia. This tract is in Garrett County, adjoining the Leighton tract, described above, and with that would join up to the Potomac State Forest boundaries. It lies along the headwaters of Lost Land Run. It was last cut over in 1904 and has a very fine stand of mixed hardwoods, well suited for State Forest purposes. It is, in my judgment, a very desirable purchase, and it is very low priced considering its real value.

No. 38. 18 acres from Josiah W. Brown of Boonsboro, Maryland, at \$10. per acre. This tract joins the Washington Monument lot on South Mountain, in Washington County, and is a necessary acquisition to protect this property on the west. The Washington Monument has been completely rebuilt, through the C.C.C., and other buildings are to be erected on the property. This Brown land is much needed, not only to protect the property on the west, but for additional parking area and picnic grounds. Mr. Brown who is 83 years old, has determined to sell this property and has given us a limited option before offering to anyone else. I am satisfied that this is the lowest price for which it can be purchased.

These tracts have all been carefully examined, surveys are being made for acreage, options executed for limited time, and the money for the purchase is available in the Forest Reserve Fund. The purchase is subject to approval of title by the Attorney General, and the acreage in each tract is to be determined by our survey. Prompt action is requested as, in each case, the properties can be developed with C.C.C. labor from camps close by.

I should also like to report, and receive ratification for purchase of 99 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres for \$75.15 at a tax sale on August 9, 1935, at Oakland, Maryland. This land is assessed to Lee J. Funkhauser and Adam S. Dedost. It joins the Potomac State Forest and is a very desirable purchase. The owner has six months' redemption period, from the date of sale, before deed can be executed by the county.

As previously reported to the Board, it is impracticable to secure prior approval of individual tracts offered at tax sales for the following reasons:

1. The time element; often only two or three weeks' notice is given of the sale, and by the time we can examine the properties to determine whether or not they are suitable for State Forest purchase, there is insufficient time to get prior Board approval.
2. The amount paid is always less than we pay for regular purchases in that section.
3. Up to the hour of sale the owner is privileged to pay the taxes and costs and withdraw the property. We find that this is done in more than half the cases. Even if the purchase is made at the tax sale, the owner has a period of six months in which to redeem the property by paying the sale price, plus 20% interest, so that the State is fully protected.
4. These tax sale titles have been accepted by the Attorney General and save expensive title searches.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley.

State Forester.

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The Board approved the purchases of the land outlined in the State Forester's letter as above.

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The Board considered papers submitted by Miss Lida Lee Tall, President, Maryland State Teachers College, Towson, Maryland, in connection with a project undertaken at the school, for which funds would be furnished by the W.P.A., costing approximately \$24,000. toward which the State would not be asked to make a contribution.

The Board approved the action of the State Teachers' College at Towson in filing application for the funds.

The following letter from John L. Routzahn, President of the Grangers Mutual fire Insurance Company of Frederick County, Middletown, Maryland, was read and considered -

GRANGERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.  
OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Middletown, Md.  
August 16, 1935.

Governor Harry W. Nice,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

This company has recently been notified of the destruction of a barn and contents owned by Frederick Crawford of near Graceham, Frederick County Md., which was insured by this company.

The fire was evidently of incendiary origin and we requested the State Insurance Commissioner to have their Mr. Dougherty make an investigation of the origin of the fire.

We this day received a reply from the Insurance Commissioner, stating their Budget Account is about exhausted, and expressed the fear that they would not be able to investigate this fire until the October funds become available.

It would be of no value or use to make an investigation at that time.

Cannot you make some provision for the continuance of these investigations, out of a contingent fund?

We will very much appreciate anything you may be able and willing to do under the circumstances above outlined.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John L. Routzahn  
President.

The Board felt that nothing could be done at this time because the funds available in the fiscal year 1935 for investigating fire losses had already been exhausted. There is an appropriation in the Budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1936 to carry on investigating work.

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The Board considered the question of paying for the cost of laying linoleum in room 406, Union Trust Building, rented for the use of the State Survey Commission.

The Board authorized the payment of the cost of laying the linoleum.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect, relating to New Admissions Building at Eastern Shore State Hospital. Mr. Hopkin's letter dated September 18th, 1935 reads as follows -

HENRY POWELL HOPKINS  
ARCHITECT  
10 E. Mulberry St.  
Baltimore, Maryland.

September 18, 1935.

Mr. Joseph McCusker,  
Secretary of the Board of Public Works  
Union Trust Building,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Re: New Admissions Building  
Eastern Shore State Hospital.

Enclosed I am herewith handing to you contracts on the Eastern Shore State Hospital signed by the General Contractor and a bond on the New Amsterdam Casualty Company to the full amount of the contract price.

The Eastern Shore State Hospital requests the Board of Public Works to grant them permission to award the contract to the Cambridge Brick Company, Inc., Charles E. Brohawn, President, to the amount of \$164,115.26.

Also enclosed is a copy of the tabulation of all bids which indicates that the above project was awarded to the low bidder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Henry P. Hopkins,  
Architect.

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Enclosures.

In connection with Mr. Hopkin's letter a tabulation of bids received for the work was placed before the Board for consideration. There were also submitted for consideration of the Board the usual copies of contracts between the Eastern Shore State Hospital and the contractors, and contractor's bond written by the New Amsterdam Casualty Company.

On motion duly seconded the Board agreed to authorize the Eastern Shore State Hospital to enter into a contract with the Cambridge Brick Company, Inc., Charles E. Brohawn, President, in the amount of \$164,115.26, covering the erection of the New Admissions Building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Architect.

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The following letter from Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, dated August 30th, 1935, was read and considered -

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR  
2411 N. Charles St.  
Baltimore, Md.

August 30, 1935.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the allocation of August 7, from the Reserve Fund to the State Department of Health, please note the enclosed letter on this Department in connection therewith. The request for the restitution of \$33,130 into the Budget of this Department would have brought the Department's operating budget to about \$11,000 less than that of the present year. The \$10,000 in the Supplementary Budget has been allocated by the Governor to special pestilential disease control and does not aid in the general administrative budget.

The reduction in the allotment from \$33,130 to \$22,380 was made by the writer upon the reasonable assurance that the Department would receive approximately \$7,800 of Federal Funds from the Social Security Act pending in Congress. The hasty adjournment of Congress without the enactment of this legislation has left this Department with a more serious cut than the writer feels should be imposed, and I recommend that \$5,000 from the remaining Reserve Fund be earmarked for this Department to be used only if and when such legislation is not enacted at the next session of the Federal Congress and the funds are needed by the Department to restore in some measure the reduction imposed upon them. Even if required this will leave this Department operating with \$5,750 less than was requested in August

and \$16,450 less than the total budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1935.

Yours very truly

/s/ W. H. Blakeman

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State Budget Director.

The Board approved Mr. Blakeman's recommendation that \$5,000 from the remaining Reserve Fund be earmarked for the State Department of Health to be used only if and when such legislation is not enacted at the next session of the Federal Congress and the funds are needed by the Department to restore in some measure the reduction imposed upon them.

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The following letter from the Maryland State School for the Deaf, was read and considered -

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

FREDERICK MARYLAND.

September 9, 1935.

Mr. J. O. McCusker,  
Office of the Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

Relative to your letter of September 3, requesting that state agencies secure permission from the State Board of Public Works prior to attempting to secure funds from the Federal Government, permit me to state that a very small requisition in the amount of \$3,300.00 was made in order that an archaeological survey might be made covering ancient Indian villages of Frederick County, with the definite understanding that all materials found in such survey should be made the property of the Maryland State School for the Deaf.

Our museum, housed in the ancient Barracks, now has approximately 10,000 such Indian specimens in hand, together with maps and charts.

This being no building program and rather a civic project which needed to be sponsored by some institution, I did not at the time feel the necessity of making any special request before placing this project before the Public Works Administration.

Trusting we may now have the approval of the State Board of Public Works, I am

Very truly yours,

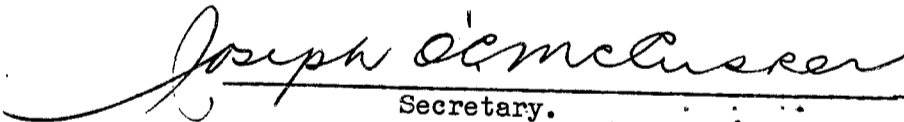
/s/ Ignatius Bjorlee,  
Superintendent.

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The action of the School in applying to the Federal Government for funds in this case was approved.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.